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RABAT FOR BLAKE

1. MARTHINSEN POSITION ALREADY ABOLISHED AND REPLACED BY SECRETARIAL POSITION. THIS HAS ADVANTAGE OF PERMITTING YOU TO HIRE WORKING WIFE NOW AND OF MAINTAINING POSITION FOR FUTURE USE WHEN NEW POLITICAL OFFICER CAN ENTER COUNTRY. SECURITY CLEARANCE UNDER WAY. WILL SEND YOU FORMAL APPROVAL NEXT WEEK.

2. COUNTRYMAN POSITION WILL REMAIN VACANT BUT ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

3. REGRET BUT RECRUITING AGAINST VAGUE POSSIBILITY NEW OFFICERS CAN ENTER COUNTRY IS UNREALISTIC. FIRST CLASS ARABISTS ARE STILL AT A PREMIUM AND WE CANNOT HOLD THEM ON THE SHELF. REALIZE WE WILL FACE CRASH RECRUITING DEMAND WHEN SITUATION BREAKS.

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4. WE FORESEE NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM IN ASSIGNING YOU TITLE
OF CONSUL GENERAL IN EVENT OF MERGER. THIS COULD BE DONE
ON VERY SHORT NOTICE.

5. DEPT LOOKING INTO PROCEDURES FOR LIMITING CABLE
TRAFFIC TO TRIPOLI. RUSH

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